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Urgent and Important

Dr. Stephen Covey, in his book entitled, *The 7 Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, suggests we should divide the demands in our lives into 4 quadrants. These quadrants are, Urgent and Important, Important Not Urgent, Urgent Not Important, Not Urgent or Not Important. He suggests that we should spend the majority of our time with the things that are urgent and important and those things which are important but not urgent. Often, things that are important yet not very urgent seem to get shuffled back in our lives.

It seems that the things that are urgent get most of our attention. These things scream at us. They demand our attention. Yet, many of those things are not very important.

We might give the things that are shouting for our attention the "100 year test." If something will have meaning 100 years from now, it is important. For example, the act of me spending time with my kids is important. It could have lasting effects for generations to come. However, it isn't always urgent.

Certainly we should rid our lives of as many things that are neither urgent nor important or those things that are urgent yet are not important. How much of our time is spent simply wasting time in front of a television? I am sure there are times that we are sick and need to rest or perhaps there is something of importance on the television. Yet, most of our time in front of the tube is wasted. Many things are urgent but are not important. Our lives are filled with activities that are urgent. There is a date and time on the calendar. There are things that cry out for our attention and time yet, they have no or little lasting value.

Perhaps we should take a

piece of paper and divide it into four parts by placing a vertical and a horizontal line on it. Then, label the four areas of the paper: Urgent/Important, Urgent/Not Important, Important/Not Urgent, Not Important/Not Important.

Where do spiritual things fall? How often are important things pushed back until later, while urgent things with no real value dominate our time? What about things like prayer? What about personal devotional/study time? What about evangelism? What about helping others? What about visiting the sick or those in prison? What about studying the bible with our children? What about studying with new Christian's? What about writing an encouragement card? What about dreaming of ways to accomplish God's work in Plainview? What about taking a new Christian with you while you do the works that you do?

What if we got up each morning and listed the things that we planned on doing that day on a piece of paper that had four quadrants? If we were to think of our schedule in this way, would it change our plans? Would we find more time for things like prayer, study, service to others, mentoring our children and reaching out to others? Would we decide that we really don't have time for the television? Would we read a non-fiction book?

Paul prompts us to consider how we use our time in Ephesians 5:15-16, "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil." Are we making the most of our time? It's just a question.

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The **difference...**
Is **CHRIST** in me!
Colossians 1:27

COMING UP

We are looking for others
who will...
Become Part of the Family

Nov. 30	Hilltoppers-Smoke on the Mountains
Dec. 2	Benevolence Pick Up Care and Share
Dec. 8	Ladies Holiday Brunch
Dec. 9	J. W. Hamby's Life Group
Dec. 18	No Bulletin
Dec. 25	No Bulletin
Dec. 24-Jan. 1	Office Closed

Ye Have Heard

Jesus said, “Ye have heard that it was said to them of old times...but I say unto you.” It was there that He was showing the distinction between the new law of the gospel of Christ, and the old law of Moses. This is a distinction that many people have never grasped.

Those people had not gone to the source of their information to find out with what authority their informant had spoken. People make the same mistake today. It is a wise thing to, “Believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 Jn. 4:1). Paul warns, “Prove all things, hold fast that which is good” (1 Thess. 5:21).

Ye have heard that it was said, “One church is as good as another.” But what does Jesus say about that? He said that exactly the contrary is true. He said, “Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up” (Mt. 15:13). Did you ever ask a person where he got his information when he said one church is as good as another, and that it didn’t make any difference which church you were in? The next time you hear a fellow make a statement like that, Ask him for the source of his information, and watch him get embarrassed.

Ye have heard that it was said, “Baptism is not essential to salvation, and it has no connection with the remission of one’s sins.” But Jesus said, “Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (Jn. 3:5). Ananias, an inspired minister of the gospel, said, “Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). So, while you have heard to the contrary, the Lord and his disciples state that baptism does have a connection with salvation, and that it is essential.

You have heard it said, “The church was established with John in the wilderness, or during the personal ministry of Jesus”. But after John was already dead and buried, Jesus said, “Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Mt. 16:18). He gave rules and regulations for the government of the church, but Paul said in Hebrews 9:17 that these did not go into effect while Jesus lived—that there had to be a death on Christ’s part before they were effective. If the church had been established during the personal ministry of Christ, it could not have been governed by the word of Christ in his Testament.

Ye have heard it said, “A sinner can pray for salvation and get it.” And it is a common thing for sectarian preachers to tell sinners to pray for salvation. But the Bible says in John 9:31, “Now we know that God heareth not sinners.” And Jesus said in John 14:6, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me.” But if a man be in Christ he is a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17).

Instead of a sinner being told to pray for salvation, the Bible tells him, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mk. 16:16). It matters not how much a sinner prays for salvation, until he is born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. In this law or rule, there is no change, and beyond it there is no appeal.

Ye have hear it said, “Men can go to heaven outside the church.” But the Bible says in Acts 2:47, “The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”

Ye have heard it said, “God has more than one church, and more than one flock today.” But Jesus said, in John 10:16, “Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also must I bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.” Jesus said there would be only one. There is only one church or fold in the world today by divine authority.

In Ephesians 1:22-23, Paul said the church is the body of Christ. And in 1 Corinthians 12:20, he said, “But now they are many members, but one body.” Since this is true, then it is certainly true that there cannot be two acceptable churches in the world. Only one can be right.

When you hear people say anything about religion—and so much is said—remember the divine admonition, “Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God, for many false prophets are gone out into the world.” The majority of religious teachers are wrong. The fields are white unto the harvest, and the laborers are few, but there are many false teachers. Be careful, lest you walk in the wrong way.

-borrowed

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2007**

Announcements: Rob Lindsey
First Prayer: Steve Stokes
Closing Prayer: Mike Allison
Scripture Reading: Jackie Cunyus
Lord's Table: Charles Massie
 Claude May
 Glenn McDonald
 Mike McDonough
 John McGavock
 Weldon Melton
 Dale Mickey
 Gary Miller
Evening Opening Prayer: Gary Alexander
Evening Closing Prayer: Steve Turner
Westridge: Mark James
Prairie House: Ron Gammage
Communion To Shut-Ins: John McGavock
Jail: 12/4 J.W. Hamby
Sound Board: 12/2 & 12/5 Bobby Ross
Computer: 12/2 & 12/5

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Nursery Workers: Lillie Barrett and Judy Melton
Kitchen: Christi Durham and Frankie Griffin
Daily Bread: Becky Watson and Cindy Simmons

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	11/25/07
Bible Study	96
Sunday Morning	205
Sunday Evening	107
Wednesday Evening	NC
Contribution	\$6447.00

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS-

Men----- Rock'N R Steakhouse
Ladies ----- Season's Way

CHRISTIANS ARE FOR REAL

If a man would be a soldier,
 He would expect to fight.
 And he couldn't be an author,
 If he didn't try to write.

So it isn't common logic,
 Doesn't have the right true ring,
 That a man to be a Christian
 Doesn't have to do a thing.

If a man would be a hunter,
 He must go among the trees;
 And he couldn't be a sailor,
 If he didn't sail the seas.

How strange for any person
 To think perhaps that he,
 Can fail to work and worship,
 And a faithful Christian be.

Mission Statement

*We the family of Garland Street
 Church of Christ,*

*with the Bible as our guide and
 Jesus as our Savior will look:*

Upward to glorify, praise and honor God;

Outward to seek, convert and reach the lost;

Inward to serve, equip and love one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Benevolence Pick Up will be Sunday, December 2. Men will be at the exit doors following the morning service to take your donations.

Care and Share will meet following the evening service Sunday, December 2. If you have a December birthday we would love for you and your family to join us for the meal and to celebrate your birthday.

New Life Behavior teachers please pick up your new schedule and lessons. They are on the table in the foyer with your name on your packet.

J. W. Hamby's Life Group will meet Sunday, December 8.

HILLTOPPERS: Going to see Smoke on the Mountain. We will leave the building Friday, Nov. 30 at 5:30 p.m and eat at JJ's chophouse before the show.

We will not have a Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal in December.

Saturday, December 8th will be the Ladies Holiday Brunch at 9:00 a.m. in the home of Sheila Massie, 1406 Canyon.

Ladies' Volunteer Sheets for 2008 are on the table in the foyer. There are many areas of work for you to choose from. If you have any questions contact Shonda Ross or the church office.



Will Blackmon, Wellington, TX
 Jamie Warren, Fort Worth, TX
 Troy Klepper, Kress, TX
 Carol King, Ulysses, TX
 Jason, King, Ulysses, TX

December Birthday's

Hallie Wells	12/01
Mark True	12/03
Bobby Griffin	12/05
Lori Wells	12/08
Steve Stokes	12/09
Alston Becker	12/09
Weldon Melton	12/11
Mike Allison	12/11
J. D. James	12/12
David Criswell	12/13
Ellianna Garcia	12/13
John McGavock	12/13
Frances Griffin	12/13
Shonda Ross	12/14
Steven Leyendecker	12/14
Jerry Settle	12/14
Mackenzie Moreman	12/14
Ty Criswell	12/15
Kinsley Monroe	12/16
Barbara Wheeler	12/16
Dana Joy	12/17
Marcus Ray	12/18
Brad Lane	12/18
Deryl Clevenger	12/18
Emma Lou Bertelson	12/19
Diann Lane	12/21
Shelly Gammage	12/21
Dee Blevins	12/21
Lupe Corrales	12/21
Debbie Hearn	12/21
Larry Lance	12/22
Nancy Leyendecker	12/24
Vada Mast	12/24
Cornelia McDonough	12/24
Charles Massie	12/26
Scott Snipes	12/27
Robert Barnes	12/31
Kenneth Hooper	12/31

IN OUR PRAYERS

Debbie Bowles, Dorothy Bradley, Lynn Becker, Jackson Calhoun, Linda Carroll, Eva Marroquin, Cindy Valentine, Patti Allison, Shirley Igo, Ernest Bell, Whitney Smith, Larry Hamby, Leon Talley, Betty Foster, Maylene Mickey, Mattie Lou Ellis, Carla Calhoun, Charles Clark, Paul Frisbie, Danna Lamb, Ken Stone, Doris Hearn, Opal Yarborough, Jerry Settle, Wanda Wallace, Kay Powell, Opal Barnes, Linda Wilson, Cleo Crutchfield, Sonny Sherrock, Doyce Watson, Kenneth Sjogren, Jim Adams, Beverly Kimbrough, Wesley Everidge, Mark Clark, Paul Godman, Dale Hyde, Becky Watson, Cindy Kirby, Debbie Roberts, JoAnn Underwood, Christen Driver, Japheth James, and Our Soldiers.

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Linda Carroll had cataract surgery last Tuesday in Lubbock.

Joy Johnson's MRI showed she has chronic sinusitis.

Debbie Bowles will have knee surgery Thursday, November 29th in Lubbock.

Dorothy Bradley spent most of last week in the hospital. She was able to return home Friday.

Judy Wiseman's mother, **Madelyn Usher** had a stroke and is in Plainview Covenant hospital.

Neal Becker's brother, **Lynn Becker** has prostate cancer. He will be having surgery in December.

Ray Sooter's brother was taken to the hospital Sunday. He will be going to the Olton Retirement Center when he is dismissed.

Betty Foster's brother died last week. His services were Saturday.

Lila Driver's sister-in-law, **Christen Driver** is having ear problems.

Charlie Gonzales dad will have eye surgery in December.

Terry Underwood's mother, **JoAnn Underwood** will have more surgery on her neck to remove the cancer. The surgery will be Monday, December 3rd in Lubbock.

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 24-Dec. 1	John 1-3	John 4-6	John 7-9	John 10-12	John 13-15	John 16-18	John 19-21
Dec. 2-7	1 John 1	1 John 2	1 John 3	1 John 4	1 John 5	2 John	3 John

ELDERS: Neil Billingsley Deryl Clevenger Rob Lindsey
Weldon Melton Steve Stokes

DEACONS: Gary Alexander Mike Allison
Jimmy Barnes Neal Becker
Bobby Byrd Scott Clevenger
Gary Miller Grady Simmons
Mark True Terry Underwood
Brent Wells

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday: Bible Study 9:30 a.m. and Worship 10:30 a. m. and 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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